

In The Specification:

Please replace the Sequence Listing (1 page) filed on April 19, 2002 with the Substitute Sequence Listing (1 page) filed herewith.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGURE 1 is a representation of derived data which characterizes a disease specific marker having a particular sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) useful in evidencing and categorizing at least one particular disease state[;]. Each patient listed in the table shown in Figure 1 has a history of myocardial infarction (MI), stroke (ICH, intracerebral hemorrhage) or congestive heart failure (CHF) and each of these patients shows the presence of SEQ ID NO:1 in their serum.

Please replace the paragraph (first amended on September 3, 2002 in the Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment) beginning at page 19, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 2A[,] and 2B [represent] show alternative representations of the characteristic profile derived via SELDI/TOF MS of the disease specific marker of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).

Please replace the paragraph (amended twice previously; first on April 19, 2002 in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and the second on September 3, 2002 in the Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment) beginning at page 27, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As a result of these procedures, the disease specific marker identified as amino acid residues 2-12 of SEQ ID NO:1 was found. This marker is characterized as a C3f fragment from the complement system having a molecular weight of about 1348 daltons. The characteristic profile of the marker is set forth in the representations [as set forth] in Figures 2A[,] and 2B. As easily deduced from the data set forth in Figure 1, this marker is indicative of an individual suffering from myocardial infarction, intracerebral hemorrhage or congestive heart failure.

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